

**I CLAIM:**

1. A coupling device for connecting a fan blade to a rotatable part of a ceiling fan, said coupling device comprising:

5           a first part adapted to be connected to one of the fan blade and the rotatable part;

              a second part adapted to be connected to the other one of the fan blade and the rotatable part;

10          an insert-holding seat that is formed on said first part, that defines a receiving hole extending in a longitudinal direction, and that has a rear end face confining a rear end of said receiving hole and formed with an engaging groove which is in spatial communication with said receiving hole;

15          a limiting member mounted rotatably on said first part, disposed rearwardly of said insert-holding seat, having a front end face that confronts said rear end face of said insert-holding seat and that is formed with a tongue-arresting groove, and  
20          rotatable relative to said insert-holding seat between a first angular position, in which, said tongue-arresting groove in said limiting member is angularly offset from said engaging groove in said insert-holding seat, and a second angular position,  
25          in which, said tongue-arresting groove in said limiting member is registered with said engaging groove in said insert-holding seat; and

an insert formed on said second part and having an engaging tongue, said insert being insertable into said insert-holding seat in such a manner that said engaging tongue extends through said receiving hole and into said tongue-arresting groove when said limiting member is disposed at said first angular position so as to permit co-rotation of said insert with said limiting member between said first and second angular positions, said 5 engaging tongue being extendible into said engaging groove in said insert-holding seat and being disengageable from said tongue-arresting groove when said insert co-rotates with said limiting member to said second angular position, said 10 engaging tongue being restrained by said limiting member from moving out of said engaging groove in said longitudinal direction when said engaging tongue is disengaged from said tongue-arresting groove and said limiting member is moved from said 15 second angular position to said first angular position.

2. The coupling device as defined in Claim 1, wherein 20 said limiting member includes an operating lever projecting outwardly therefrom, said coupling device further comprising a spring-mounting seat mounted securely on said first part, disposed rearwardly of said limiting member, and including 25

a cylindrical casing that receives said limiting member therein and a curved segment that projects axially from said cylindrical casing, said curved segment of said spring-mounting seat abutting against said operating lever to stop further angular movement of said limiting member when said limiting member is restored from said second angular position to said first angular position.

5           3. The coupling device as defined in Claim 2, further comprising an urging member mounted on said spring-mounting seat for urging constantly said limiting member to move from said second angular position to said first angular position.

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